

CHURCH MATTERS.

Religious Notices.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. H. W. Ballantine, Pastor. Public worship on the Sabbath at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Sunday-school prayer meeting, Sabbath, at 7 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting, Thursday, at 7.45 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. Ezra D. Simons, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; Sunday-school, 12 M. The Lord's Supper on the first Sabbath of each month, close of morning service. Temperance meeting on Tuesday evenings. Prayer meeting Thursday evenings. Young People's meeting, Sabbath evening at 6.30 o'clock.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Lowrie, Pastor. Sunday services: Preaching, 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. Prayer meeting, Thursday evenings at 7.45. Class meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 7.45.

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CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.—Rev. J. M. Nardelli, Pastor. First mass, 8.30 A. M.; High mass, 10.30 A. M.; Vespers, 3 P. M. Sunday-school, 2.30 P. M.

BERKELEY UNION SABBATH SCHOOL.—Held in Berkeley School-house, Bloomfield Avenue, every Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. John A. Skinner, Superintendent. All are welcome.

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HOPE CHAPEL.—Sunday-school every Sabbath at 3.30 P. M. John G. Broughton, Superintendent.

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BLOOMFIELD S. S. TEACHERS' NORMAL CLASS.—Rev. W. H. Brodhead, Leader. Meets on Wednesday evening of each week, at 8 o'clock, in the Sunday-school rooms of the First Presbyterian Church. Sunday-school teachers, workers, and friends are cordially invited.

Special Notice.—Any items of interest from the different Churches or Sabbath schools in our city, will be gladly received for publication in THE CITIZEN. Will Pastors and Superintendents kindly remember this?

Revival.—The revival spirit among some of our churches seems to be increasing. Reports from the Methodist and Baptist Churches are very encouraging. In each of these a number of conversions have already taken place, and many other souls are manifesting a desire to be saved. Meetings are continued almost every night, and notwithstanding the exceedingly unpleasant weather, the attendance is good, showing a real interest in the work. To-morrow evening several converts will be baptized in the Baptist Church at close of the sermon.

"The Use and Abuse of Words."—An audience of about 125 persons greeted the Rev. Dr. Harcourt at Library Hall, Wednesday evening, to listen to his lecture on the above subject. We are sorry to chronicle this small attendance, as the address was a very good one, and the object for which it was given was very deserving. Many who might otherwise have attended were kept at home by the decidedly unpleasant weather. Dr. Harcourt spoke of the use of words in the wrong place, the use of wrong words, of slang of foreign instead of strong expressive Anglo-Saxon words with the same meaning, etc. The lecture was illustrated by many stories and anecdotes, old and new, and with one or two exceptions, pointed and appropriate. Notwithstanding the low temperature of the room, the audience was kept in the best of humor.

The Seminary Lecture.—The Geological Lectures at the Seminary, by Dr. Harry E. Richards, begin on Tuesday evening next, at eight o'clock. The subject of the first lecture is "The Birth of the Solar System." Tickets at the drug stores. See the advertisement of the whole course in another column.

Meeting of School Trustees.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held at the house of Mr. Chabrier Peloubet, on Tuesday evening. After the reading of the minutes the following bills were passed: A. and J. H. Taylor, repairs, 13.20; B. B. Harvey, repairs, 5.05; Thos. E. Hayes, repairs, 17.20; N. H. Dodd, repairs, 5.39; Chas. R. Bourne, supplies, 68.47; Gilbert & Taylor, wood, 2.25.

The Committee on Buildings reported that repairs had been made to the steam pipes and water tanks. The bursting of these pipes is no such constant occurrence as stated in a communication to THE CITIZEN. In the last four years but one class has been dismissed for this cause. The pipes are sound, in good condition, and likely to last a long time.

The report of the Superintendent is as follows: The total enrollment in the school for the month ending Friday, January 25th, was 777, with an average attendance of 655, or 84 percent. The enrollment was distributed as follows: High School 39,

Grammar School 323, Center Primary 198, Berkeley 145, Brookside 84. The general condition of the school, both as to the character of the work done and in class management, is now better than at any time during the past two years.

Compared with the status of the school two years since, the following advances may be noted: A good beginning in preparation for Natural Philosophy and Chemistry has been secured; also a new Cyclopaedia for the use of the High and Grammar Schools, both much needed; United States History and Geography are finished one year earlier; Book-keeping and General History are transferred from the High School to the First Grammar Class; Drawing, Composition and Singing have been introduced throughout the school; Elementary Natural Philosophy and Chemistry are studied in the second and first Grammar Classes, thus shortening the time needed for these studies later in the High School. The course in the High School to three years without dropping any of the studies before embraced in it, or curtailing in any way the thoroughness of the work.

Effort is now making in the Primary and Grammar classes to advance the schedule in Arithmetic so that the principles of simple percentages may be taught the work of the 3rd Grammar Class. By this means the general application of this study may nearly all be finished in the 2nd Class, and so much of the year as is necessary for review of the Class to a full review of the entire book, and the pupils entered in the High School with much better preparation than heretofore.

The chief obstacles in school work appear to be two: 1. Too large classes. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Grammar class-rooms are now overcrowded. Beside inconveniencing the pupils the individual work of the teachers and the pupils, which is one of the most important means for their improvement, is thereby seriously impaired. Whenever room can be had it seems that an ungraded class in the Center Building might well be provided, in which all excess from the Grammar Classes, and perhaps such as failed to pass regularly should be placed.

If Lack of home study. Small Grammar classes nearly all the time in school hours are fully taken up in recitation and in general instruction. It is imperative necessary, therefore, that two or three of the more important studies should be prepared regularly at home. So far as possible this is more insisted upon.

If these two difficulties can be obviated it is believed that all the work proposed can be well done. A list of books selected for the Libraries was presented, and the necessary authority given for their purchase, by the Board. On motion, the clerk was instructed to draw an order for the balance of the mortgage on the Liberty Street lot.

The plans for the new school building being under consideration, Messrs. Chabrier Peloubet, Thomas Oakes, and Edmund A. Smith, were named to constitute a committee to make further changes, and prepare specifications to be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

The Loss of the Steamer Nothing Hill.—One of our fellow townsmen, Mr. John F. Maxfield, was largely interested in the loss of the steamship *Nothing Hill*. On board of that vessel was a herd of forty-two beautiful Jersey cattle, which were being imported to this country by Mr. Maxfield. We are glad to learn that the cattle were covered by insurance. It will be remembered that the *Nothing Hill* was struck by an ice-berg in mid-ocean on Feb. 2d, and that the officers and crew, with the cattle men, were rescued by the steamer *State of Nebraska*, after they had faced death on the ill-fated vessel for three days. One of the men who came over with the cattle, stated to our reporter: "The *Nothing Hill* seemed to be doomed from the beginning of the voyage. It was said by some she would never reach America. One man jumped ashore at the last moment. Her machinery broke down once, and another time she took fire. We were in distress when out when struck by the ice-berg, which stove a large hole in the bottom of the vessel. The water rushed in and put out the fires of the main engine. We were obliged to sink in a very short while. The boats were immediately got ready for use, and a certain number of men specially assigned to each boat, so there would be no confusion in case we were obliged suddenly to leave the vessel. Canvas was then let down under the steamer and drawn as tight as possible over the hole. The men were divided up into companies, and the pumps and some pitching out the cargo. We were staring in the face, and not knowing what moment the ship would go down, we worked for three days. The weather was so cold we did not dare take to the boat while we could stay on the ship, for fear that we should perish by freezing. On the first day a large steamer passed within sight, but paid no attention to our signals of distress. The second day, a non double-shotted, and sent rockets in the air. On the third day, with the water gaining on us, and expecting almost any moment to go down, we sighted above the rising above the horizon. Rockets were sent up, and soon a blue light was seen ascending near the smoke. We knew our signal was answered, that help was coming, and a cheer went up from the boys that fairly shook the sinking vessel. The *State of Nebraska* soon hove in sight, and with joyful hearts we lowered our boats and were soon safely on board. Before leaving the *Nothing Hill* we gave a last look at the cattle, supplied them plentifully with food, and felt bad enough to leave them to their sad fate. To prevent danger to other vessels, the steamer was fired. She was so low in the water that we stepped from the deck into the boats. We never imagined our feelings during those three days of suspense. The ocean was very calm and the weather fine, otherwise the boys that fairly shook the sinking vessel, we could surely have gone down with all hands on board. No help could have reached us. Since coming into port we learn, that on Feb. 5th a large vessel was seen on fire at sea; this was without doubt the *Nothing Hill*.

Take Notice!—As next Friday is a legal holiday, (George Washington's birthday, you know), THE CITIZEN will be a day until Saturday noon. Don't look for us any earlier!

A NEW YORK man paid a big price for the first copy of Colburn's "Sarah Barnum," expecting to find in it something very improper. Before he had read a dozen pages he threw down the volume with an air of disgust, and resumed the perusal of a Chicago black-and-white newspaper.—*Norristown Herald*.

Samuel Wilson's Bigamy.

A PLEA OF GUILTY WITH A STATEMENT OF EXTENUATING FACTS.

"I desire to withdraw the plea of not guilty in the case of Samuel Wilson, indicted for bigamy, and to plead guilty," said M. T. Barrett in the Quarter Sessions Court this morning. After this had been done Mr. Barrett said: "Eight or nine years ago the defendant was married to a colored woman in Montclair, who proved unfaithful to him. He obtained a bill of separation, and after that lived in Bloomfield, where he was married to another woman, believing at the time he was really divorced from his first wife. The second wife died, and Wilson went to Massachusetts. The indictment against him for bigamy was found four or five years ago. When he returned to the State he was arrested. At that time his first wife was living with a man in this city by whom she had had two or three children."

"That is true," said Prosecutor Keen. "The case will be proposed on Monday.—*Evening News*.

Doddtown's Old Copper Mine.

HOW IT WAS WORKED A HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The ancient Doddtown copper mine was formerly a landmark, but its existence has been obliterated during the past ten years. From interviews with Charles M. Davis and John Oakes, of Bloomfield, and Josiah Dodd, at Doddtown, and with the aid of a note-book of Calvin Dodd, who was born in 1792 and who entertained a distinct recollection of the mine, the following history has been gathered. The mine was opened at some time between 1715 and 1725. A Mr. Gray was the superintendent and his men were English miners. Tradition has it that fifty men were employed for two years in working the mine. Fred Lewis was sent here from England to make a contract with the owners for working the mine; the agreement was that he was to extract the ore, while the owners were to furnish the timber for the stamping mill and dam, and all wood used for supports, the profits being equally divided.

The entrance to the mine was on the north side of the ravine, and formed an inverted cone directly beneath the spot on which Bethel Chapel now stands. At the foot of the opening could be seen several drift ways which ran in various directions, the largest extending to the north for about 300 yards, and then making a gradual descent for some distance. Calvin Dodd's note-book states that the "vein was good and the ore extracted very rich, but as they descended with the vein the water drove them back, and having no apparatus for pumping, the mine was abandoned."

It was generally conceded that if money and facilities for working were at hand, the yield would justify the opening. After the ore was extracted it was taken to the "stamping" mill and crushed, when it was sent to England for smelting. From personal investigation Mr. Oakes has found indisputable evidence that shafts had been opened for the entire range between the Doddtown and the Bloomfield mine, a distance of nearly two miles.

Attempts to dig wells in this vicinity have been fruitless. After descending through a bed of solid rock for some distance, a running current of water is reached. It will not rise above the level of Second River. When the point is drawn off numerous springs can be seen. A large quantity of the water which forms the source of Second River is supposed to flow through these drift-ways from the main channel. Among the evidences of working was an artificial embankment crossing the ravine, near which was lying a large iron crank. In the course of farming these have been entirely obliterated. About fifty years ago, while Mr. Dodd's family were assembled at the breakfast table, after a heavy storm, a loud noise was heard. Investigation showed that the ground had sunk in directly over the mine, covering a space of about 300 square yards. Calvin Dodd was at one time one of the most prominent residents of Essex Co. He held the office of Freeholder, and was also a member of the Legislature. He was in Doddtown, and inherited an enormous tract of land from his father. His ardent love for nature and antiquity made him an excellent authority concerning the olden days, which were in his childhood fresh in the memories of the people. His own mother used to talk about seeing panthers lying in wait for cattle in large oaks that then abounded in the forest near the mine.—*Bloomfield Correspondence of Newark News*.

A Good Decision.—According to a recent decision of the Kentucky Superior Court a druggist is a "merchant," and is indictable as such for selling spirituous liquors without a license in the absence of the physician's prescriptions. Commonwealth vs. Grouty, decided Jan. 30.—*Bradstreet's*.

PREFER knowledge to wealth; for the one is transitory, the other perpetual.—*Socrates*.

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